

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended, claims 11-16 and 18-20 have been canceled. Claims 21-25 have been previously allowed. Claims 1-10, 17 and 21-25 are now pending for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims in light of the forgoing amendments the following remarks.

**Rejection based on 35 USC §112**

Claims 1-11 and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth on pages 3-5 of the Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 12. Claim 12 was indicated as allowable if written in independent form as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Therefore, claim 1 as amended should be allowable. Claims 2-10 depend from claim 1 and recites particular embodiments of claim 1. Therefore, claims 2-10 should also be allowable. Claim 11 has been cancelled.

Similarly, claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 19. Claim 19 was indicated as allowable if written in independent form as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Therefore claim 17 should be allowable. Claim 18 has been cancelled.

Applicants therefore believe the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

**Objection to the claims**

Claims 12 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but otherwise allowable. Claims 11 and 19 have been cancelled and claim 1 and 17 now correspond to claims 12 and 19, respectively, in independent form. The objection thus no longer applies.

**Allowable subject matter**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 21-25.

**Conclusion**

In light of the preceding remarks, Applicants believe that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request that a Notice of Allowance be issued timely. If the above remarks are not to the satisfaction of the Examiner, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned.

If any fees other than those submitted herewith are due in connection with this response, including the fee for any required extension of time (for which Applicant hereby petitions), please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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